



PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Alain GANTIER	)	Group Art Unit 3728
Appln. No.	:	09/937,016	)	Examiner Jila Mohandes
Docket No.	:	P21432	)	Confirmation No. 3081
Customer No.	:	7055	)	
I.A. Filed	:	January 22, 2001	)	
Title	:	MOVABLE COVER FOR RIGIDIFYING AND/OR PROTECTING THE FRONT FACE OF AN ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR, SUCH AS A SNOWBOARD BOOT	)	

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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**      TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700  
**TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 29, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office action dated December 29, 2003, please enter the following amendment.

For reasons explained in the "Remarks" section, beginning on page 14, below, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection and rejections, and the allowance of the instant application.

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